(b) FDI is a means to supplement and complement domestic investment for achieving a higher level of economic development. FDI in organised retailing would bring in investments and provide access to modern technology and best practices not only in retailing but also in related support services, and in developing supply chain logistics. This is also expected to encourage sourcing of goods from India by such retail chains for their global operations. However, any policy initiative can evoke divergent views and concerns which, if found legitimate, can be addressed through suitable safeguards.

FDI in Retail Trade

875. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to allow more than 50 per cent FDI in retail market;

(b) if so, the goods-wise details in that regard, alongwith the reasons for allowing such huge FDIs in retail market;

(c) whether it is going to harm the interest of small domestic retailers and marketeers, who were earning their livelihood through retail sale; and

(d) how Government would ensure that the interests of domestic retailers and domestic markets are not harmed and Indian markets are not dumped with foreign goods?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy, including policy in Retail Sector is reviewed on a continuous basis. The policy on FDI in retail trading was last notified *vide* Press Note 3 and 4 (2006 series) both dated February 10, 2006. As per the extant policy, FDI in retail trading is allowed only in the retail of 'Single Brand Products' upto 51% with prior Government approval and subject to the following conditions:

(i) Products to be sold should be a 'Single Brand' only.

(ii) Prodcts should be sold under the same brand internationally.

(iii) 'Single Brand' product-retailing would cover only products which are branded during manufacturing.

(c) The policy is expected to encourage sourcing from India and provide market access to domestic suppliers. As branded products cater to the brand conscious middle-class clientele, existing small retailers are not likely to be affected by allowing FDI in the retail trade of 'Single Brand' products. Allowing FDI in retailing of 'Single Brand' products would, while meeting the growing demand of such products, also bring in investments and provide access to modern technology and best practices not only in retailing but also in related support services, and in developing supply chain logistics.

(d) Government remains committed to initiating, where necessary, suitable measures for safeguarding the legitimate interests of the Indian Industry & consumer.

Streamlining payment of compensation to land owners in SEZs

876. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the matter of grant of compensation to the land-owners upon their lands being acquired for setting up SEZs or any project, the land owners and the displaced persons have always been at the losing end;

(b) if so, whether a law to streamline the process of payment of compensation to the land owners and displaced persons, and to protect their interests in the matter of their rehabilitation is on the anvil; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Each State acquires land for various purposes which are governed by the Land Acquisition Act of 1894 extensively amended in 1971. Each State has its own compensation